

Death Toll Mounting Fast From Salvador Earthquake Striking During Week-End

WHOLESALE RUIN IS REPORTED, WITH 200 KNOWN KILLED

San Vicente Almost Razed by Tremors During Week-End In Central America Town

MANY BUILDINGS IN CITY RIPPED DOWN

Homes Shattered and Hundreds of Bodies Are Dug Up from Ruins Shortly After Devastation Is Wrought; Communication Lines Are Destroyed

San Salvador, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Officials expressed fears today a mounting death toll in the devastating earthquake which almost razed San Vicente and killed at least 200 persons over the week-end.

Persons arriving in San Salvador from the stricken provincial capital told stories of wholesale ruin, of shattered buildings and homes and rescuers digging out some 200 bodies in the first few hours after the quake.

How high the deaths would reach no one would estimate but government officials advanced all relief available to the area.

Accurate reports were made increasingly difficult to obtain because of the disrupted communications between the quake's area and San Salvador.

Telephone and telegraph lines were ripped down by the quakes and information could be had only from those who fled inland from the scene.

Rob Office Of Sheriff At Raleigh

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Sheriff Numa E. Turner, of Wake county, reported today four robbers entered the safe in his office in the court house during the week-end and stole about \$600.

Chief Deputy Chris Haynes found an electric wire attached to a handle on the safe door this morning and investigation showed seven of the nine inside compartments had been forced open. Haynes said the loot included \$500 in cash and nearly \$100 in checks.

Landon Sees President In Hour's Talk

Defeated Candidate White House Caller; Talk About Their Children

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—For nearly an hour today President Roosevelt and his defeated Republican rival for the presidency—Governor Alf Landon of Kansas—sat in the White House about Christmas and children.

Telling reporters about the visit the governor said: "The President talked about his grandchildren and I talked about

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OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight; Tuesday partly cloudy, possibly followed by light rains; no decided change in temperature.

Windsor at Enzesfeld



This picture, posed especially by the former King Edward VIII at Baron Eugene de Rothschild's Schloss Enzesfeld, near Vienna, was flashed by R. C. A. radio to New York. It is the latest picture of the monarch who renounced his throne for Wallis Simpson. (Central Press)

Liquor Plan Gives 80 Pct. To Counties

But State Would Have General Supervision of all County Operations

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—A combination State and county liquor control and liquor stores plan, under which counties would get 80 per cent of the profits from the liquor stores and the State get 20 per cent, with the administration of the system centered in a State liquor control commission and county control boards, is recommended to the governor and the 1937 General Assembly by the special commission to study the control of alcoholic beverages in North Carolina, in the report and recommendations just submitted by Victor S. Bryant, chairman of the commission.

The findings and recommendations of the commission, exclusive of the model bill prepared by the commission, cover 32 legal size typewritten pages, while the many appendices and the bill fill almost as many more pages.

The report of the commission has nothing to say concerning the sort of

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Peace Body Nears End Of Labors

Buenos Aires, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The inter-American peace conference ended its formal labors today with approval of 37 projects designed to strengthen bonds among the 21 American republics and liberalize trade policies.

A plenary session sanctioned a Central American declaration for complete American solidarity if war anywhere threatens the western world; resolutions urging lowered tariff and equality of trade opportunities, and other plans to cement peace and improve commercial and cultural relations.

The delegates stood silent for one minute at the opening in memory of the victims of the earthquake, at San Vicente, Salvador.

Pope Might Radio World Greetings

Vatican City, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Pope Pius, confined to his bed with circulatory congestion and a slight fever, expressed the wish today to broadcast a Christmas eve message to the world.

The Holy Father, instructed by physicians to curtail his activities rigorously, was represented as believing a Yuletide radio statement would modify worldwide concern over the state of his health. Prelates declared the pope might speak into a microphone set-up in his study adjoining the sick room.

CONDITIONS FOUND BAD IN DRY AREAS

Liquor Commission Reports Improvement in Wet Counties, However

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Conditions with regard to the illegal sale and use of alcoholic liquors in "dry" counties where the State prohibition laws are still in effect are undoubtedly bad and "large amounts of illicit liquor are both manufactured and sold in many of these counties," the report of the State Liquor Commission just submitted to Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, who in turn will submit it to the 1937 General Assembly, declares. As a result of its investigation of conditions in the 18 "wet" counties, the commission is of the belief that the legalization of the sale of liquor in county liquor stores has improved conditions somewhat.

Increase in Consumption "Much of the information before us indicates there has been a rapid increase in the consumption of whiskey and other intoxicants in the State, within the last ten years," the report of the commission states on page 18, in the section devoted to "The Prohibition Counties." "There is evidence that in practically every county in the State, whisky may be readily obtained by those who frequently use

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WORK UNDER WAY ON NEW HIGHWAY RADIO

Raleigh, Dec. 21 (AP)—Captain Charles Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, said today work was under way on the radio transmitter houses at Salisbury and Asheville, and would be started on the Raleigh unit this week. Construction of the Williamston and Elizabethtown houses is to be started next week.

Cuba's President Vetoes Sugar Act

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 21.—(AP)—President Miguel Gomez has vetoed the \$1,500,000 sugar tax bill, paving the way for prospective impeachment proceedings instituted by his political opponents, Senator Octavio Rivero announced today. The senator said the chief executive informed him of his action during a conference in the presidential palace. The vetoed measure will be sent to the Senate this afternoon, Rivero declared.

BELIEVE WRECKAGE OF MISSING PLANE SIGHTED BY FLIER

Impossible for National Guard Pilot To Say Whether Two Airmen Are Still Alive

EARHART JOINS IN SALT LAKE SEARCH

No Trace Yet Found of Missing Plane Carrying Seven Passengers Besides Crew That Have Been Missing for Week; Woman Flier Hops for West

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 21 (AP)—A National Guard pilot advised Phelps field by radio today he had cited what he believed to be wreckage of the missing Northwest Air Lines transport plane near Calder, Idaho. A pilot and co-pilot were aboard the airship when it disappeared early Friday. The message said only that he had found the ship and he could not determine whether the two pilots were alive.

AMELIA EARHART PUTNAM OCEAN FLIER, JOINS HUNT

Salt Lake City, Dec. 21 (AP)—Amelia Earhart Putnam, bobbed-hair air conqueror of two oceans, joined today the search for a Western Air Express transport plane missing seven days with seven persons.

The tall, freckled flier arrived unexpectedly, with her advisor. They departed at once for Milford, Utah, 180 miles southwest of here. Air operations were based there today.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The wintry west locked the fate of nine missing persons in its cold and snow today as officials posting a \$1,000 reward, announced a search "on our own" for one of two planes seven days after it disappeared.

Admitting "every clue exhausted," Western Air Express officials offered the reward, effective until noon January 4, for discovery of the Los Angeles-Salt Lake City transport, lost with five men and two women since Tuesday.

The ship, last reported over Milford, in southwestern Utah, is sought in that vicinity and northward, and in east-central Nevada.

Five hundred miles northwest Ranger M. T. Olmstead turned the hunt to a new sector in north Idaho for Pilot Joe Livermore, Co-Pilot A. A. Haid, and their Northwest Air Trans-

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Beaufort Harbor Skeleton Not Yet Fully Identified

Beaufort, Dec. 21 (AP)—Carteret county authorities said today they were not satisfied the skeleton found Friday on Peanut Shoals in Beaufort harbor was that of Joe Willis, Morehead City barber missing since July 2.

Solicitor Dave Clark gave orders the bones be preserved pending possible further developments.

Dr. R. C. Smith, coroner, said he had been told a farmer reported seeing Willis in Wilson as late as September, although the braber had been listed as missing since July.

SMOAK SENT BACK TO CELL AT JAIL

Man Accused of Poisoning Daughter Waives Preliminary Hearing

Wilmington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Edgar Smoak waived a preliminary hearing in recorder's court today and was ordered held without bail on a charge of murdering his 15-year-old daughter Annie Thelma, by poison.

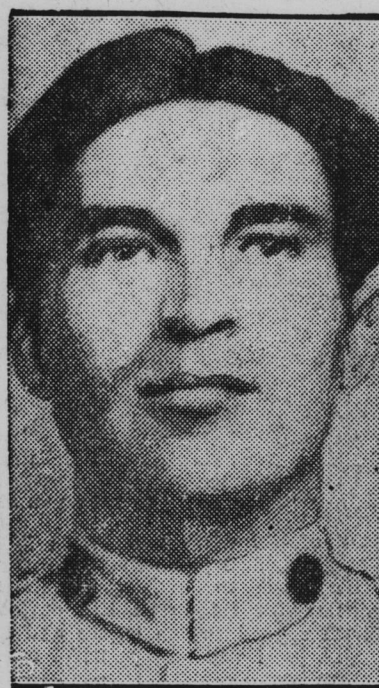
A murder charge against the housekeeper Mrs. Genette Harker was dropped, but she was placed under \$1,000 bond as a material witness.

The entire proceeding required only three and a half minutes.

Mrs. Harker and Smoak were returned to their prison cells immediately after the hearing.

ARMS EMBARGO ACT IS UPHeld 7 TO 1 UNDER SUPREME COURT ORDER

CUBA PRESIDENT FIGHTS OUSTER



Col. Batista



President Gomez

Differences between President Miguel Gomez of Cuba and Col. Fulgencio Batista, Cuban "strong man", have projected a serious crisis, with Col. Batista's aides seeking to oust the president and Gomez indicating he would fight such an attempt to the finish. Articles of impeachment were reported to have been drawn in the House of Representatives while the cabinet was reported to have voted unanimously to support Gomez. The clash between the president and the military dictator arose over a bill to tax sugar nine cents a bag. Batista demanded the tax so as to finance army-taught country schools. President Gomez, seeking to halt the extension of the military-fascistic power of Col. Batista, opposed the bill.

—Central Press

Early Break Expected In Sea Strike

Motor Industry, Is Squeezed Even More Tightly By Its Walkouts

(By The Associated Press.)

Union and employer spokesmen cited a possible break in the 53-day-old Pacific coast maritime strike today in the form of a tentative agreement submitted to members of the sailors union.

On another strike front the automotive industry began feeling the pinch of a walk-out by 26,000 glass, auto and auto parts workers, with little headway apparently in efforts to reach accord.

At Pittsburgh, steel workers launched an attempt to supplant company

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Four Held In Killing Nash Man

Nashville, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Four persons were placed in the Nash county jail here today while police sought to determine whether Preston Cone, 32, was killed by a hit-and-run driver yesterday, or whether he was murdered at a filling station where he was last seen before his dead body was discovered on the Middlesex-Bailey highway.

Blood stains on a large piece of iron pipe and a shovel found at the filling station led to the arrest of Viola Brown, Dock Williams, Beatrice Lamm and Eula Driver who was seen with Cone at a filling station which Miss Brown is said to operate. All are from Nash county.

Sheriff C. V. Falkner ordered the arrests after Coroner M. C. Guley, of Nash, investigated the death.



SHOPPING 3 DAYS TILL Christmas

PRESIDENT NEEDS POWER OF ACTION IS COURT OPINION

Ruling Generally Interpreted as Having Bearing Upon Course of Coming Congress

TO REVIEW DISPUTE ON FARM MORTGAGE

Frazier-Lemke Act Involved, Granting Three-Year Moratorium on Farm Foreclosures; Refuses To Review Appeal Involving Commodity Exchange Control

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—In a ruling generally interpreted as having an important bearing on forthcoming congressional consideration of neutrality legislation, the Supreme Court held today the President of the United States must be given a large degree of latitude in handling of foreign affairs.

By a seven to one vote, it upheld the constitutionality of the 1934 arms embargo act, which authorized President Roosevelt to forbid the sale of munitions in this country for use in the recent Chaco war between Bolivia and Paraguay.

Before adjourning for two weeks over the holidays, the court agreed to review a controversy involving the constitutionality of the Frazier-Lemke act, granting a three-year moratorium

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War Flier Drops Flag To Edward

Enzesfeld, Austria, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Julius Arigi, Austrian World War ace, disclosed today it was he who piloted the plane which flew over Edward, Duke of Windsor, Sunday, and dropped flags all about the grounds of the castle of Barn de Rothschild.

"I dropped Austrian, British and the Rothschild family flags as a token of a soldier's affections for the sympathetic former ruler," said the aviator, adding the police had dissuaded his plan to drop a great wreath as near Edward as possible.

The wreath might hit the group, Arigi said the police pointed out.

Workers and peasants hereabouts are in many little ways trying to show Edward they approve of him. Some sent him simple gifts and poems. Others sent fresh trout, as they had been told Edward likes nothing better. It was learned the former king of England dined on trout Sunday night when the British Minister Walford was one of the castle guests.

Hold Woman In Shooting High In Air

Madam Schemeder Lands in England and Is Wanted By French Authorities

Selsey, England, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Madam Marie Schemeder, sought by French police for shooting her co-pilot over Villa Coublay yesterday, was ordered held on a technical charge today after crashing her plane in a Sussex field.

British authorities detained the woman flier, wife of a wealthy French machine manufacturer, after French Police reported a warrant for her arrest had been issued at Versailles. Madam Schemeder fled from France in the same plane in which she was alleged to have shot Pierre d'Allemant her co-pilot, during a flight Sunday morning.

The aviatrix smashed her plane near Selsey late Sunday afternoon, it became known today. She gave Sussex police the name of Chappelle, although it was understood she carried no passports.

TO SEEK POPULAR PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

Measure Is Inequitable On Almost Any Conceivable Calculation

By CHARLES F. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 21.—Soon after Congress meets the attempt, usual in late years at every session, will be launched to amend the Constitution so as to provide for the election of future presidents by national popular majorities.

And, as usual, it presently will become apparent that such an amendment, 100 per cent effective, is an impossibility.

An approach can be made to it, but the plan's best friends, if at all familiar with the facts in the case, realize that the plan's accomplishment in its

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